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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed Japanese patent documents are enclosed.

Japanese patent document number 2910327 is discussed on page 13 of the subject specification. Applicants will provide an English translation of this Japanese patent document if the Examiner so requires. A copy of Japanese patent document number 3-157822, which corresponds to the '327 document, is also enclosed.

Japanese patent document number 9-045608 is discussed on page 18 of the subject specification and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,081,614.

Applicants request that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 Form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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	9-45608	02/14/1997	Japan		<u> </u>	Abstract	
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